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THE NAVAL HOLIDAY PROPOSALS.

Principle Not Affected by Oversight.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, December 2.

The *Morning Post's* Washington correspondent was responsible for the report of the discovery of an oversight in the drafting of Mr. Hughes' naval holiday proposals cabled this morning (see Earlier Cable). The correspondent says that the modifications necessary relate entirely to the naval holiday and do not affect the principle agreed upon in regard to capital-ship tonnage.

The Discussion on Ratio.

Washington, December 2.

The Far Eastern Committee referred China's request for the withdrawal of troops to the drafting committee headed by Senator Root for further study. Probably the question will be continued at another meeting of the nine Powers committee to-morrow, when the question of special spheres of influence and leased territory may also be taken up.

Shantung and the naval ratio continue to be the main issues of the Conference. While the expected conference of the Big Three on the ratio settlement could not actually be arranged yesterday, Baron Kato and Mr. Balfour had a long private discussion. All three later exhaustively examined the reports submitted by their respective naval experts.

It now seems likely that a settlement of both questions may be delayed owing to the departure of Mr. Balfour to-morrow for New York for two ceremonial dinners. He will not be returning before Tuesday night. Discussions are proceeding to-day.

French Premier's Return.

Paris, December 2.

M. Briand has arrived from Washington. Allied Debt Bill to be rushed through Senate.

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It is understood that the Senate leaders have agreed to the request of President Harding to rush the Allied debt refunding bill through the Senate.

THE IRISH NEGOTIATIONS.

Outline of Conjectured Proposals.

London, December 2.

The Sinn Fein envoys are on the way to Dublin carrying the final draft of the Cabinet's proposals, which are understood to comprise probably Dominion status for the twenty-six counties in the south and west, Ulster to have the option to apply for inclusion in an All-Ireland Parliament later, alliance on the lines of the Dominions within the Empire, a commission to be established to determine the political and religious frontiers of Tyrone and Fermanagh, with power to decide on a plebiscite.

Sensational Attempt to Liberate Sinn Feiners.

London, December 2.

A daring attempt to rescue Sinn Fein political prisoners from Brixton by means of rope-ladders and motor-cars failed after a fierce conflict between the police, the prisoners, and the would-be rescuers. Two constables were found dead, handcuffed, apparently having been chloroformed. Two warders and three civilians have been detained.

H.C.L. CAUSES RIOTING IN VIENNA.

Sir William Goode's Quarters Invaded.

Vienna, December 2.

Serious rioting is estimated to have caused several milliard crowns' damage, this being a sequel to a demonstration of thirty-five thousand workmen outside Parliament House against the cost of living. The demonstrators presented a series of drastic demands with a view to alleviating the conditions, after which they got out of hand and attacked nearly all the cafes in the inner city and main suburban streets, necessitating their closing up for a considerable period. A large number of shops were pillaged, and much havoc was wrought at leading hotels, including the Bristol, where the rioters penetrated to the guests' rooms and stole property. The victims included Sir William Goode, Chairman of the Austrian Reparations Committee, whose room was forced while he and his friends were within, nearly all their clothes and belongings being taken under their eyes. Four hundred arrests were made. The Social Democrat leaders warned their adherents to desist from further demonstrations, which they attribute to irresponsible elements.

GERMAN PAYMENTS TO ALLIES

The Present Position.

Berlin, December 2.

The *Leipziger Anzeiger* shows that, apart from indemnities, Germany is finding difficulty in meeting clearing-house demands in connection with the payment of enemy debts, and has not yet paid the ninety-one million gold marks due, but has sent a representative to Paris to discuss the matter with the Allies.

KU KLUX KLAN AGAIN?

British Consul's Protest.

Miami (Flor.), December 2.

The British Consul has been instructed to investigate the tarring and feathering of the Rev. Mr. Irvin, a British missionary, whom his assailants accused of preaching social equality and inter-marriage between blacks and whites.

CHINA SETTLING THE ABBOTT LOAN.

Interest Now: Principal in Ninety Days.

New York, December 2.

The Chinese Government is paying the interest due on December 1 on the \$5,500,000 loan from the Pacific Development Company and arranging to pay the principal in ninety days.

ON THE WATERFRONT.

Not Afraid of Competition.

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"SEEDS OF VEN-GEANCE."

World's Week-end Attraction.

The star film showing at the World Theatre during the week-end is a picture depicting life in the mountains, "Seeds of Vengeance." It is the story of love, the feud and the bitterness of heart of these children of the hills. The principal role is taken by Bernard Durning. He appears as "David Croe," a young mountaineer who is torn by the struggle between love and the fulfilment of a vow made to his father as he lay dying. At the 2.30 and 7.15 performances the third and fourth episodes of the new serial, "The Dragon's Net," featuring the popular actress Marie Walcamp, are shown.

NEW GERMAN FLAG

The Description.

In to-day's *Government Gazette* appears a notice from the Secretary of State for the Colonies informing the local Government that a note has been received from the German Ambassador stating that, according to existing regulations, it will be permissible for German merchant ships to fly the old or the new German merchant flag at will up to the 1st of January, 1922.

The following description of the new flag has been furnished by the Admiralty:—

A rectangular flag divided horizontally into three equal stripes, Black, White and Red. In the Black stripe, part to the staff, are inserted the national colours, Black, Red and Yellow, divided from the Black stripe by an outer vertical edge of White. The length of the insertions is equal to the depth of the Black stripe.

Merchant vessels commanded by retired Naval Officers use the merchant flag superimposed with an Iron Cross.

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FUSS AND FEATHERS.

Charming Youthful Romance.

A picture with all the elements of charming romance, delightful adventure and youthful freshness is "Fuss and Feathers," the entertaining Paramount feature showing at Kowloon Theatre this evening. A glimpse at the interesting story gives some small indication of the pleasure this tale in a shack to the extravagance of affluence offers. When Peter Baldwin strikes it rich, after prospecting for gold all his life, he locks up the old shack and with Susie, his daughter, starts for San Francisco, where Martin Ledyard, a wealthy mining investor, gives him \$200,000 for his find. Expelled from college, Ledyard's son, Robert, returns home but is promptly cast forth by a stern parent to earn his own living or go hungry. Robert accepts the situation, but with the little money he has when he is ejected takes to drink. Susie, anxious to become a lady, induces her father to engage a plausible couple named Stanton to teach manners and deportment. The new teachers are crooks. They are speedily ejected when the man insults old Peter. Stanton later meets Robert, gets him drunk and robs him. Lying by the road, Robert is rescued by Susie and taken to her home. Peter engages the boy as Susie's etiquette teacher and the young people fall in love. The Ledyards object, but an unexpected and startling incident changes their minds. Stanton, incidentally falling into Police hands.

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A Glance at Our Files.

(Dec. 3—12, 1896.)

The work of fitting the Tamar as receiving ship in place of the Victor Emmanuel gives a capital illustration of the proverbial "small's pace". Considering the urgent nature of the work the authorities might well expedite matters. At present it looks as if the Tamar herself will have to be replaced before it is fit for new duty.

ANOTHER GROUSE.

The goal posts of the Club football ground at Happy Valley are badly in need of repair, both the cross bars being broken. When some goal-keeper's head has been cracked by the falling of a bar, they will perhaps be renewed, even should Oregon pine go up in the meantime.

AN INNOVATION.

Peddars' Wharf is now ornamented with a new life-saving apparatus, which, it is said, one of our high and mighty officials is going to patent. Of course, we do not pretend to know anything about our officials—we have no right to know—but we are at liberty nevertheless to give publicity, with much fear and trembling, to a rumour. The article in question is a cross between a boat hook and a shepherd's crook. We should advise the police to have life-saving trial once a week with the new apparatus which should also be of great service in tripping and hooking absconding thieves. We hope to see the whole of the police force armed with the new weapon shortly.

Later.

The new life-saving-coolie-hooking apparatus has been removed from Peddars' Wharf for alteration, so the public will please be careful not to fall off the wharf till it is replaced, as policemen are extremely subject to colds from damp clothing, and uniforms cost money. A bracket has been fixed to the lamp post, and a life-buoy is to be hung thereon. Unfortunately the hook of the bracket is a trifle too high for the accommodation of in-briate, who could easily be hooked on, and so kept from possible danger, were it fixed a rifle lower. If a few hooks were placed in convenient positions under the shed all gentlemen who felt the effects of the cold night could be comfortably accommodated and less inconvenience would be caused to sober folks by their antics.

A QUEER LOOKING CRAFT.

Those of our readers who take an interest in shipbuilding should take the first opportunity of inspecting the steam launch used by the Chief Engineer of the Naval Yard. She is certainly a curiosity of naval architecture, being almost round and reminding one of Noah's Ark or a Shanghai bathtub. Her bow points lovingly skyward, and it is rumoured that the Naval authorities have tried all manner of means to bring it down but without avail; no amount of ballast seems to affect it. In her present trim she should be exceedingly useful for jumping rooms in war time, or, on a wet day, she could steepchase on the Racecourse.

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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

NAVAL DISARMAMENT SCHEME FAULTY.

London, Dec. 2.
The labours of the naval experts have revealed an extraordinary oversight in drafting the Hughes naval holiday proposals, possibly invalidating the whole scheme. It appears that at the end of the ten years naval holiday, Britain will be entitled to build twelve dreadnoughts of 35,000 tons each, replacing ships twenty years old and giving Britain an overwhelming superiority over all the navies of the world, as the United States will be only entitled to four, and Japan one new dreadnought. The position will be reversed six years later, when the preponderance will pass to America.

The New Scheme.

The discovery was made by British experts and submitted to the Americans, who reluctantly acquiesced, agreeing that the scheme was more likely to provoke war than guarantee peace. It is reliably learned that the experts are examining a new proposal, whereby while adhering to Mr. Hughes' tonnage ratios the United States and Britain will each be entitled to build two battleships every three years, thus keeping in employment their skilled artisans, also the very valuable armour-plating and gun-making plants, which otherwise would have to be subsidised.

The Japanese Attitude.

It is pointed out that according to the new scheme, Japan will be allowed to keep the Mutsu. The Japanese attitude is regarded as the key to the whole Conference. It is reported that the unanimous opinion of the American and British delegations regards Japan's insistence on more battleships as unwarranted; but the Japanese are skilled bargainers and desire before finally committing themselves to ascertain America's decision regarding the fortification of naval bases in the Pacific. They are also wishing of awaiting the outcome of the deliberations of the Far Eastern Committee regarding China.

THE SHANTUNG QUESTION.

Washington, Dec. 2.
A demonstration in favour of the unconditional return of Shantung was made by Chinese before the headquarters of the Chinese delegation. The crowd consisted of Chinese students and merchants, augmented by scores of Chinese brought here on account of the Conference. It occurred just as the Chinese delegates were departing for the initial conversation with the Japanese on Shantung. There was no disorder, the crowd gradually dispersing after speeches by three of the Chinese delegates.

An official message says: The first Shantung conference was attended by Mr. Alfred Sze, Dr. Wellington Koo, and Mr. Chung Hui-wang, accompanied by Messrs. Tyan, Wang Hui and Chao Kuo for China and by Baron Kato, Mr. Hanihara and Mr. Debuchi, accompanied by Messrs. Saburi, Kimura, Saito and Shiratori for Japan. Mr. Hughes and Mr. Balfour opened the meeting, which discussed procedure.

PRESIDENT HARDING'S MESSAGE TO CONGRESS.

Washington, Dec. 2.
It is understood that President Harding's message to Congress next week will urge the necessity of the revision of the tariffs at the earliest possible moment. It will also propose ship subsidies for the merchant marine, as supplementary to free tolls on coast-wise shipping through the Panama Canal.

BIG STEEL AMALGAMATION.

New York, Dec. 2.
The report that an amalgamation of the majority of the independent steel companies in America is under consideration was practically confirmed to-night. Mr. Chadbourne, the lawyer who is concerned in the matter, admitted the essential truth of the report and declared that the matter is still in the preliminary stage.

"ROYAL DUTCH" POSITION.

Amsterdam, Dec. 2.
The Royal Dutch Petroleum Company has declared an interim dividend of fifteen per cent. payable in cash on 13th January. Owing to the uncertainty as regards Dutch Indian taxation no conclusions could be made regarding the final dividend in July. The interim dividend is payable from the profits of enterprises outside the Indies.

HAYAS ITEMS.

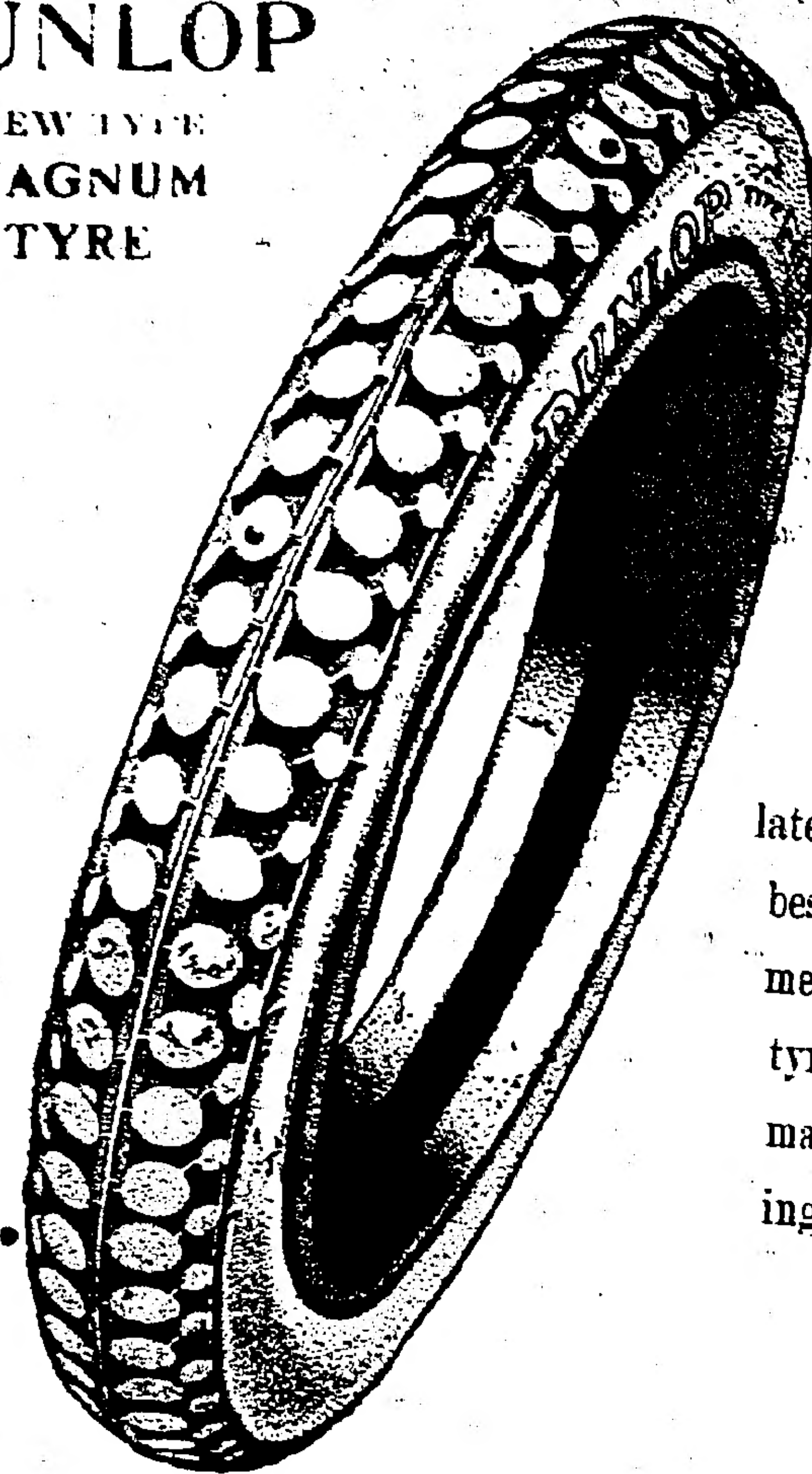
Paris, Dec. 1.
The newspapers report that an International Financial Conference is likely to take place at Paris shortly.

Mr. Lo Tseng Tsung, former Chinese Minister for Foreign Affairs, has arrived at Murillo, Switzerland, for several weeks' sojourn.

Landru has been sentenced to death.—Hayas.

NEW STRAITS LOAN.

London, Dec. 2.
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Wiltshire Regiment will play both in the afternoon and evening.

The display of toys will be specially attractive this year, as many as 8,000 toys having been specially imported from Europe. The Committee have decided to open a Sale Stall this year, in addition to the usual raffles, and it will be possible to purchase at this Stall at quite reasonable prices any toys to which the youngsters may take a fancy.

The fine seven-seater motor car, the prize in the Motor Car Draw, will be on exhibition on the usual grounds. In addition to the usual raffle stalls (Ten Cent Stall, Dollar Stall, American Stall, Post-card Stall, Souvenir Stall) there

will be several side-shows, e.g. the Chute, the Lucky Wheel, Lucky Dip, Aunt Sally, Shooting Gallery, Christmas Tree, Candles Stall, &c. The comfort of visitors will be provided for at the Tea Room and Refreshment Stall.

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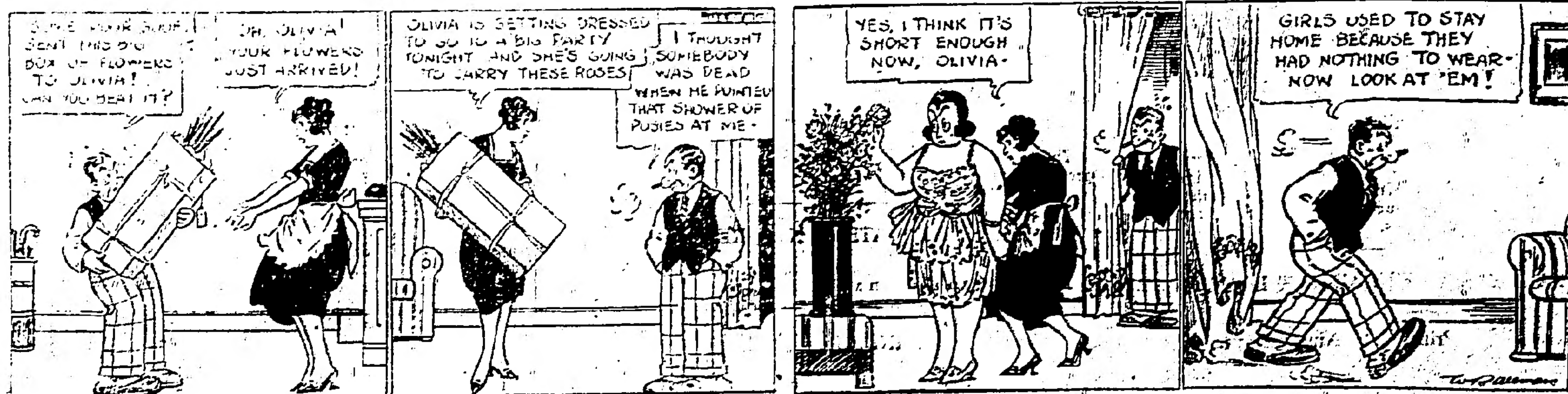
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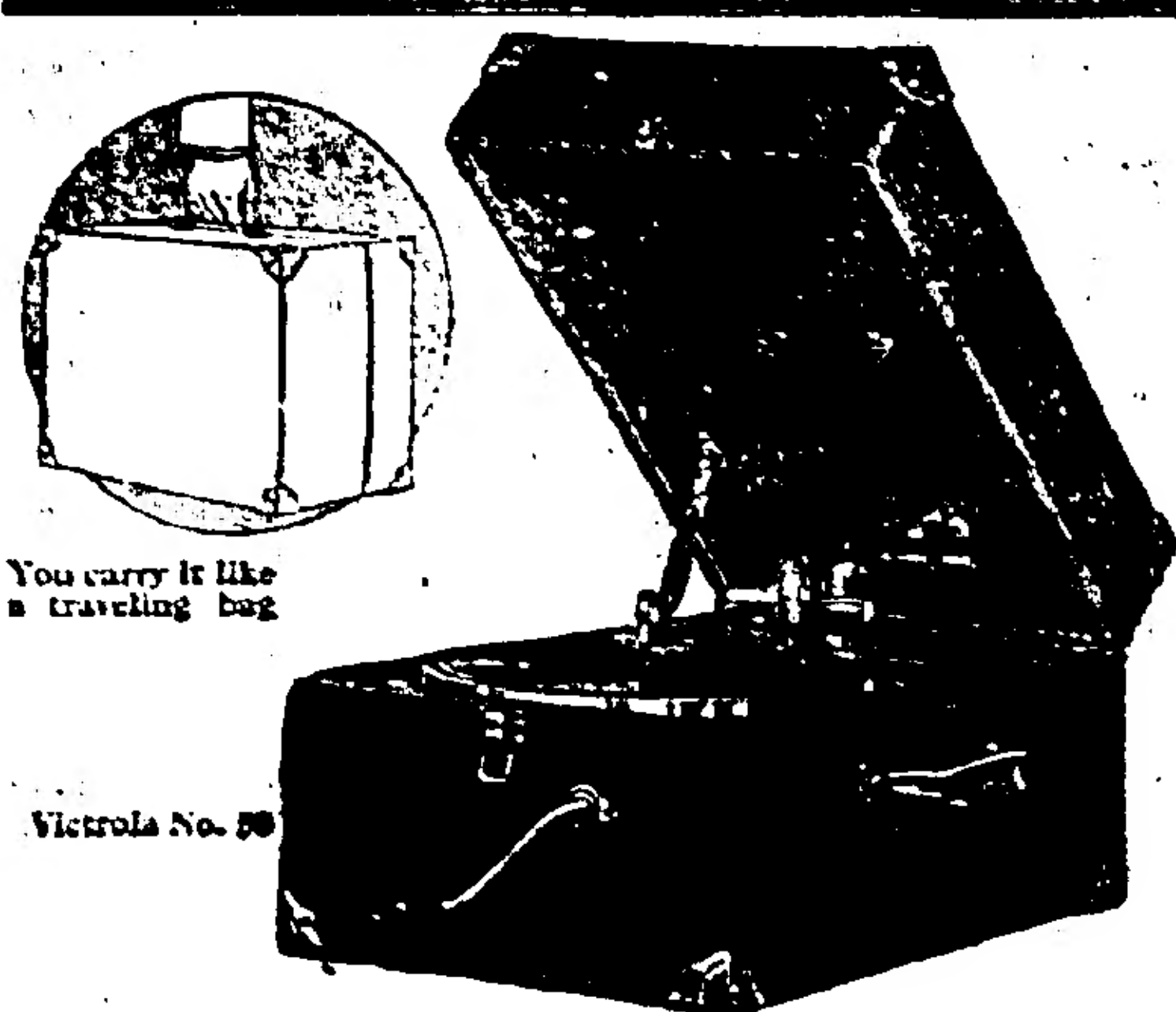
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BANQUE INDUSTRIELLE

Public Meeting Of Hong-kong Depositors.

At a meeting of depositors of the Banque Industrielle de Chine held in the Old Chamber of Commerce room at the City Hall last evening, it was decided to form an Association of Hongkong Depositors and send a telegram to the French Premier urging the French Government to redeem its pledged word and issue as soon as possible an official statement as to when it may be expected that the Banque will re-open or pay depositors in full.

At the instance of Mr. C. Gerkin, Mr. G. P. Lammett was voted to the chair. There were about 70 depositors present.

Mr. Lammett explained that the meeting was called for the purpose of discussing the suggestion made at the last meeting of forming an Association of Banque Industrielle Depositors. The meeting appeared to be a thoroughly representative one and he thought the suggestion was a good one and well worth acting upon.

On the proposition of Mr. Shroff, seconded by Mr. Garraway, it was decided to form an Association and after a short discussion the following were elected to serve on the Committee: Rev. Father Robert, Capt. Rigg, Messrs G. P. Lammett, C. Gerkin, D. M. Goodall, H. Ching, Max Remedios, F. P. Shroff, Mayran, Garraway, Silva and Lui Fook Sang.

The Chairman having invited suggestions, Rev. Fr. Robert said he thought the Association should get into communication with the Associations at Shanghai, Saigon and Amoy, with the view to pressing the French Government to keep its word.

Mr. Silva stated that he had already written Shanghai and was expecting a reply any time.

Rev. Father Robert said they were quite in the dark as to what the Directors in Paris had done during the last five months. They had received no news regarding the true situation of the Banque. Of course they know that the Banque had suspended payment, but just what the financial situation was they had not been told. It would be interesting to depositors to learn exactly what schemes the Banque had in view. He would very much like to know whether there was any possible way of getting the British Government to interest themselves in the matter. He thought the Association might approach the Hongkong Chamber of Commerce with a view to the position of the depositors of Hongkong being brought before the British Government. He did not know of anybody who would be more likely to assist them than the Chamber of Commerce.

The Chairman thought the suggestion a very good one.

On the question of membership of the Association, the Chairman pointed out that in Shanghai a fee of \$5 per head, plus \$1 for every \$10,000 deposited, was charged to cover the expenses of the Association. It was decided to adopt a similar scale.

A depositor having raised the question of obtaining a list of all depositors in Hongkong, Mr. Silva said there would be no difficulty about that. It could easily be arranged.

Another depositor suggested that the Bank staff salaries ought to be reduced by one third, as had been done elsewhere.

Discussing the resolution to be sent to the French Premier, a depositor pointed out that a pledge had been given by the French Consul in Hongkong that the Banque was quite alright.

The Chairman did not think they ought to lay the blame on the "poor unfortunate Consul."

The depositor: The poor unfortunate Consul was the means of a good many leaving their money in and also of putting more money in.

The Chairman: The Consul is the representative of the French Government and he was bound to have some grounds for making the statement.

After further discussion the following resolution was unanimously passed on the proposition of Mr. A. B. Allan, seconded by Mr. Bolt: "Public meeting Hongkong depositors, all nationalities, Banque Industrielle de Chine strongly urge French Government to redeem its pledged word and issue as soon as possible official statement when we may expect re-opening of Banque or payment of depositors in full." The telegram will be sent in French and a copy to the Consul General for France in Hongkong.

After a number of further suggestions had been put forward, the meeting terminated.

A TRIAD SOCIETY.

Manager and Members Fined.

Seven Chinese were charged at the Magistracy yesterday afternoon with being members of an unlawful society. A further charge of being managers was also preferred against the first three defendants.

It appeared from the evidence of the prosecution that at 8.30 p.m. on the 10th. ult. Sergeant Kelly raided the third floor of 23, Queen's Road East, on the veranda of which all defendants were congregated. The first accused was writing at a table, on which was found a small bundle of documents, including one which contained a phrase "Four-ma," peculiar to a Triad Society. Behind an opium-smoking bed on which two of the other defendants were lying, the Police found a locked basket, the key of which was supplied to the law officers by the third defendant. In the basket the Police discovered a book, the pictures and writing in which related to a Triad Society. There were also found papers purporting to be regulations for a society (not a Triad Society). The first defendant's wife was the principal tenant of the house.

Mr. Leo d'Almada, defending, said his case was that defendants were in the house that night drafting the regulations of a lawful society, the objects of which were to protect and help each other. Mr. d'Almada suggested that certain members having fallen out of the society had given false information to the Police, which led to the raid.

At the conclusion of the evidence the charges against the second and third defendants of being managers were withdrawn.

All defendants said they had no knowledge of the existence of the Triad Society document. With regard to the Triad Society book, the third defendant said he picked it up on a train as he was returning to Hongkong from his village.

The Magistrate held that under the Ordinance, the presence of the Triad Society paper in the house threw the onus on defendants to prove they were not members.

Mr. d'Almada argued that the legislature never intended to make a man guilty just because he was found in possession of a Triad Society paper, unless there was some evidence to connect him with it. In this case there were no incriminating banners which one would expect to find in a Triad Society; and besides there was no proof of the existence of a Triad Society in the house. With regard to the Triad Society book, the third defendant was an ignorant fool. He did not know how to read and write, and finding the book in a train, he picked it up and kept it on account of the interesting pictures contained therein.

His Worship found the charges proved against the first defendant, whom he fined \$100 for being the manager and \$1 for being a member. The other defendants, one of whom was a Chinese rapper, were fined \$50 each.

DEMANDING MONEY.

Charge Against Ex-Constable.

Allegations of demanding money and impersonating a police constable, against a Chinese ex-constable, were heard at the Magistracy yesterday.

The evidence of the prosecution showed that on Thursday night defendant visited a coolies' lodging house in West Point and demanded money from the occupants whom he accused of being opium smugglers. He threatened to denounce them to his superiors if they refused to pay. The coolies not only did not humour the alleged impersonator, but seized and trussed him to a bunk until the return of one of their number who went out to fetch a detective. Defendant was alleged to have admitted to the coolies in the lodging house that he was not a constable.

Defendant said the charge was brought out of spite because, when in the Police Force, he arrested a friend of Ah Wai, the man who invited him to the coolie house and there assaulted him. He lent twenty cents to Ah Wai and he went to the coolies' house on Thursday night to collect payment in pursuance of an arrangement which Ah Wai made with him.

The Magistrate (Mr. J. R. Wood) remanded defendant until Monday to enable him to find Ah Wai, who, he said, left the lodging house after hitting him.

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CHINESE SEAMEN'S DEMANDS.

Views of Shipping Agent.

That the demands for an increase of wages presented to the various shipping companies in Hongkong by the Chinese Seamen's Union on behalf of seafarers were too high was the view expressed by the agent of one of the biggest shipping companies, whom our representative interviewed yesterday. As reported previously, the Seamen's Union demand an increase of 50 per cent for those who earn more than \$30 and 40 per cent for members who receive less than \$30, the increase to be reckoned from the 1st. November.

The shipping agent considered that the Chinese Seamen's Union should have allowed the companies time to investigate conditions, and extended the date on which they desired the increases to be granted to, say, sometime in January, it not being within the province of an agent to reply to the demands without reference to the head office. However, if it should be found impossible to accede to the Chinese crews' demands, the company would have to resort to the only alternative, viz., to "sign on men at other ports."

LEAGUE OF NATIONS THE ONLY HOPE.

Lord Lansdowne On Disarmament.

Business men largely composed the meeting called by the League of Nations Union at the Mansion House, last month, over which Lord Robert Cecil presided.

Lord Lansdowne, in a letter to the chairman, regretted that he was not well enough to take part in the campaign to raise funds for the work of the Union.

Writing as "no recent convert to the cause," he said: "In regard to disarmament, the United States have given us a valuable opening. With the creation of a wholesome international atmosphere, the utility of vast armaments will become obvious; and those who have to bear the burden of them will not allow their industries to be paralysed and their domestic comforts destroyed in order to promote costly rivalries and military adventures. There will be a growing impatience of huge armaments, and atrophy will overtake the Essens of the future."

Lord Robert Cecil, who recently returned from the second assembly of the League at Geneva, said that they were asking for the practical assistance of men and women in Great Britain. The record of the League so far was one of steady progress, and he was satisfied that its position grew in strength every month.

FORMING PUBLIC OPINION.

Viscount Grey, president of the union, said they could not have the meetings of the League of Nations without there growing up in the world a public opinion which, when international difficulties arose, would say, "The League of Nations is not to be passed over, but must be used."

He believed the Supreme Council had not made the use of the League which it might have done. When however, the French and British Governments got to an absolute deadlock over Upper Silesia our Prime Minister—and he gave him all credit for it—(hear, hear)—was the first to remember the League, and it was refreshing and touching to see that the French Prime Minister was equally glad to have the League of Nations called in to help the Supreme Council out of the deadlock.

The League of Nations would be able, with comparative ease, to solve questions which two Governments were unable to solve with one another. Unless the League of Nations policy was pursued he did not believe that we could recover from the consequences of the last war.

Dr. Nansen said that all of them who had been at Geneva looked upon the League as the only salvation of Europe's future. The League had shown itself to be of such great value that the world could not do without it.

On the proposition of Mr. Henry Bell, seconded by Lord Queensborough, a resolution was carried unanimously commending the League of Nations Union appeal to the support of commerce and industry throughout the country.

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or they will not be recognized.All broken, chafed, and dam-
aged Goods are to be left in the
Godowns, where they will be
examined on the 9th inst., at 10
a.m.No Fire Insurance has been
effected.Bills of Lading will be counter-
signed byGIBB, LIVINGSTON
& CO. LTD.Agents.
Hongkong, 2nd Nov., 1921.

CONSIGNEES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE ADMIRAL LINE.

The Steamship
"WILLIAM PENN"
having arrived from New York
via ports, on 23rd November
consignees are hereby notified
that their cargo is being landed at
their risk into the Godowns of
The Hon Shan Godown Co., Nos.
16 & 17 Kennedy Town Praya,
Hongkong, and stored at con-
signees' risk.Consignees of cargo must pro-
duce an Import permit signed by
the Superintendent of Imports
and Exports, Hongkong, before
Bills of Lading will be counter-
signed.All broken, chafed and damaged
cargo is to be left in the Godowns
where it will be examined at 10
a.m. on 3rd Dec., by the Co's
surveyors, Messrs. Goldard and
Douglas.All claims must be presented
within thirty days of the steamer's
arrival here, after which they
cannot be recognized. No claim
will be recognized after the goods
have left the Godowns, and cargo
undelivered on and after 5th
Dec., will be subject to rent.No fire insurance whatever will
be effected.Consignees are requested to
send in their Bills of Lading for
countersignature immediately.

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5th Floor, Union Building,
Hongkong, 25th Nov., 1921.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

TOYO KISEN KAISHA.

From SOUTH AMERICAN
via SAN FRANCISCO,
HONOLULU AND
JAPAN PORTS.

The Company's Steamship

"RAKUYO MARU"

The above named Steamer
having arrived on Thursday, 1st
Dec., 1921, consignees of cargo
are hereby notified to present
their Bills of Lading for counter-
signature, and take immediate
delivery from alongside steamer
or the Company's Godown, where
all cargo impeding immediate
discharge will be landed at
consignee's risk.Storage will be assessed on
cargo remaining undelivered after
Thursday, 8th December, 1921.All broken, chafed and damag-
ed packages will be landed into
the Company's Godown, where
same will be examined on Fri-
day, 9th Dec., 1921, at 10 a.m.No claims will be recognized
after goods have left the steamer
or Godown, and none will be
entertained if presented later
than three weeks after arrival of
steamer.No fire insurance whatever will
be effected.Y. TSUTSUMI,
Manager.

Hongkong, 1st Dec., 1921.

THE EAST ASIATIC Co., Ltd.,
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The Motorship

"JAVA"

having arrived, Consignees of
cargo are hereby informed that
all goods are being landed and
stored at their risk into the
hazardous and/or extra hazardous
Godowns of Holt's Wharf, whence
delivery may be obtained.A fire having occurred on
board, General Average bonds
will have to be signed by con-
signees.No claims will be admitted
after the goods have left the Go-
downs, and all goods remain-
ing undelivered after the 8th
Dec., will be subject to rent.All broken, chafed and damaged
goods are to be left in the Go-
downs, where they will be ex-
amined on the 8th Dec., at 10
a.m.All claims must reach us before
the 12th Dec., or they will not be
recognized.No Fire Insurance will be
effected.Bills of Lading will be counter-
signed byMANNERS & BACKHOUSE,
LTD.

Agents.

Hongkong, 2nd Dec., 1921.

VETERAN JAPANESE
STATESMEN.

Talk of Resignation.

After the settlement of "a
certain important affair con-
cerning the Imperial House-
hold," which is expected after
the conclusion of the annual
manoeuvres, Prince Yamagata,
President of the Japanese
Privy Council, and Marquis
Matsukata, Lord Keeper of the
Privy Seal, will resign their
posts, according to the Yomiuri.
It is understood, the paper
says, that His Majesty has given
informal approval to the decision
of these two veteran statesmen to
retire. The Yomiuri says it is
believed that Viscount Kiyoura,

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Toric forms are manufactured by
the Hongkong Optical Co., Suc-
cessors to Clark & Co., Scientific
Opticians, located in 51, Queen's
Road Central.MARCH OF EVENTS
IN PEKING.Chang Tso-lin's Financial
Scheme.A Peking message says: In
spite of Chinese pressure through
the Press and officials threaten-
ing Sir Francis Aglen with dis-
missal, the Inspector General is
still adamant in refusing to
release trust funds covering in-
ternal loans.Chang Tso-lin is sending \$3,000-
000 to relieve the Bank of China
on condition that he controls the
note issue. This the bank is un-
willing to accept, and if possible
will pledge existing assets like the
stock in the Kailan Mining
Administration, Peking Hotel,
etc., worth \$4,000,000, to the
Bankers' Association for \$3,000-
000. The rumour that the Premier
Chin Yun-peng, has threatened
the Chinese commercial banks
with looting unless relief is forth-
coming is confirmed.A high adviser to the President,
interviewed, said that the Presi-
dent and Premier were anxious to
escape, but the time for running
was past and they dare not run.
The Bank of Communications and
Bank of China in Tientsin
had used their credit for the issue
of notes for the Peking bank
marked "Tientsin" but nominally
covered by Peking in the case of
the Bank of Communications to the
extent of \$7,000,000, and the
Bank of China to the extent
of \$5,000,000. Hence the insistent
local demand that the Peking
banks should cash Tientsin notes.Established
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from the Government. Detached
the Chinese authorities consider it
unlikely, since Chihli troops here
are few and are afraid of the
Fengtien troops while the Feng-
tien troops are afraid of Wu Pei-
fu, who is only four hours from
Peking. Chang Tso-lin is pour-
ing military supplies into the
metropolitan area, evidently antici-
pating its seizure after the
collapse. All the Peiyang dele-
gates are proceeding to Paojing
to assist Wu Pei-fu to counter
this movement.
The Diplomatic Body refused
to-day to endorse the Chinese

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Birth.

ROSSER.—At the Peak Hospital, on 2nd December, to Mr. and Mrs. A. J. W. Rosser, a son.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1921.

ON CHARITY.

'Tis a true saying that charity begins at home. The public of Hongkong has earned for itself a reputation for generosity when it comes to subscribing for causes outside the Colony. We all did our little bit during the war, and did it handsomely in a financial way. But we are sometimes inclined to overlook needs for assistance which exist closer home in aid of those who are less favoured with this world's goods than ourselves. Not so the Society of St. Vincent de Paul whose motto is "No work of charity is foreign to the Society." The poor of this Colony owe more to the Society mentioned than can be told here, but we should like to emphasise one or two facts in the hope that we shall induce residents to spend a generous week-end patronising the effort now being made to raise funds for next year's work. There was a street sale of roses yesterday which proved to be a fairly good success—it might have been better; and there is to be a bazaar and *afrecho* fete in the grounds of the Catholic Cathedral to-morrow. So there is still plenty of time for all to assist, more especially seeing that the Committee will most gratefully acknowledge any subscriptions sent along.

Over \$17,000 has been spent during the past year in assisting Hongkong's poor, including relief in money and provisions, the payment of rent, and the provision of education for poor children. Not only does the Society maintain several schools but also the St. Joseph's Home for the Aged Poor at Kowloon Tong. Privately and in the unostentatious manner in which all true charity should be carried out the Society assists and saves from destitution an increasingly large number of poor folk who have a claim on the sympathy of their fellow residents and one only needs to consult the names of those who compose the Working Committee to get an assurance of funds well administered and of assistance kindly dispensed. Many of the leading members of the Chinese community are assisting and the Society rightly considers itself fortunate in securing their active co-operation. But it needs more than that; it needs the interest and assistance of all members of the community to meet the growing demands being made upon it. The Society depends almost entirely on the two annual appeals it makes for the maintenance and extension of its work.

In the annual report for the present year it is shown that the Society over-spent to the extent of nearly \$2,000 and it has to provide for this deficit before it has a penny in hand for next year. This is where the "man in the street" comes to the rescue, or should. If you cannot go up to the Fete to-morrow send along to the Committee a little subscription. It will all help. One is tempted to add the Pauline injunction "And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity."

NOTES & COMMENTS.

Chang Puts up Some Cash.

Every day we hear of the Tachung demands for funds; to hear of them handing over funds is a striking novelty. That the Peking Government has been tight of cash admits of no doubt; the truth in regard to the Bank of China and the Bank of Communications is more obscure. On the whole the latter appear to have stood the strain fairly well, but their coffers must have been severely drained. Now we find Chang Tso-lin, Tsao Kun, and Tsao Jun coming to the rescue. It is difficult to figure the War Lords of Fengtien and Chihli putting down hard cash. The former was reported a few days ago to be demanding more money by way of reimbursement (1) for the mythical Mongolian expedition. However, Mr. Rodney Gilbert, writing to the N. C. Daily News from the capital, records the tidings, according to which Chang has supplied three million dollars, while Tsao Kun is credited with having disgorged a million. What is the meaning of this new development? Mr. Gilbert's theory is that the War Lords feel that their fortunes are involved in the Peking administration, which they could see no other way of bolstering up. But how long, or how soon, is it going to be before Peking needs more bolstering up? Perhaps Chang & Co. reckon to indemnify themselves out of the Customs surplus; there can't be much surplus to come from the Gabelle after all the advances upon it. It would be interesting to know the true inwardness of the military's unwonted liberality. Rumour has it that Chang now designs to control the Bank of China note issue, which rendered that institution chary. We shall see.

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DAY BY DAY.

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OUT WISDOM AND WITHOUT
VIRTUE? IT IS THE GREATEST
OF ALL POSSIBLE EVILS, FOR IT
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Burke.

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PASSIM PAPERS.

Rambling Thoughts on Current Topics.

The editor this morning showed me a contribution from outside and pointed to the fact that the writer had, in Kipling's phrase, "dragged the dictionary for adjectives." That is a common fault with young and inexperienced writers. They believe that a whirl of words makes fine writing, whereas the purest English is, most often, the simplest. Over three years ago Mr. John Macfield, in an article published on St. George's Day, showed what fine writing really means. "Patriotism," he said, "as I see it, is not a fine drawing of the sword behind some winged and glittering victory. It is nothing at all of all that. It is a very deep thing, and a very stern thing. St. George did not go out against the dragon like that divine calm youth in Carpac's picture, nor like that divine, calm man in Donatello's statue. He went out, I think, after some taste of defeat, knowing that the dragon would breathe fire, and that very likely his spear would break, and that he wouldn't see his children again, and that people would call him a fool. He went out, I think, as the battalions of our men went out, a little trembling and a little sick, and not knowing much about it, except that it had to be done."

Notice the next three paragraphs with some care.
"In the Bible is the story of King David, who was a very generous and very bloody yet very noble man. And David, besieging a city in the summer, was faint from thirst, and he said, 'I wish I had some water from that pool by the city gates.' And three men heard him, and they took bottles and broke through the enemy pickets and filled their bottles and brought the water to David. But David would not drink water brought to him at such risk. He said it would be like drinking blood, so he poured it out to his God."

Their Gift.

"The men of those armies in the mud are bringing us water at the risk of their lives, the living water of peace, that peace which I think will be the peace that passes all understanding, peace to have our lives again, and do our work again, and be with our loves again. But if we go back to the world of before the war, that peace won't serve us. It will be a drinking of the blood of all those millions of young men."

"I said some time ago that the only things which matter in war are courage and the love of your comrades. When this war ends, we shall need all our courage and all our comrades in that re-making of the world which will follow this destruction. And I hope that when that time comes you will not think of us again as cold, or contemptuous or oppressive, but as a race of men who went down to death for a friend in trouble, as St. George did, on this day, so many centuries ago."

That is pure English and undefiled. The student of the language and the young writer will note the simplicity of it, the absence of rhetorical effects. They will notice that in the whole of the last three paragraphs only three adjectives are used, in the description of David and "the living water." And not one of these is huddled up against its substantive, which shows that good English does not depend upon adjectives and that economy of words is great part of the art of good writing.

Will It Be Believed?

My friend Mr. MacWhirter tells me that no one will believe me when I state that the following came to hand this morning. Nevertheless it is perfectly genuine. All I have done is to delete a name.

FRIENDLY GRATITUDE.

There was a young man named — whose pockets were always giving. Nobody misses and he always obliging, this splendid young man of Hongkong. It is said he is young and frivolous but we know he is very obnoxious. He always gives and never receives; Nobody knows when he repose this splendid young man of Hongkong. The untrammelled muse indeed! But surely a poet of such peculiar talents should address himself to the *Scutiger*. But talking of things nearly unbelievable, what of this overheard by your servant in the Hongkong Hotel on Wednesday

evening. It is the reply of a Scot to a question: "I'm paying my devotion to the memory of no Coppadorian Jew who was likely to share and exchange broken. If Scotland can produce a Saint of her ain I'll reverse his memory but I will outdo as much for a foreigner." There's a renegade Scot for you if you like! I wonder what he (and others) will do on January 25.

"The Augustine Age."

The Irish negotiations have reached a critical stage, we are told, but they seem to have been at that stage for quite a time. I wonder what Mr. Birrell thinks of it all. Mr. Birrell, as we all know, is the author of "the choicest whipped cream in current English literature." Some of his admirers go so far as to say that he has inaugurated "the Augustine Age." That may be, but the man whose forte lies in the concoction of literary sillibubs made a poor Secretary for a country that has long required careful watching lest "The stout shillelagh flatten the constabulary baton." Poor Mr. Birrell! He was rudely awakened by the first Dublin affair. He had been caught napping and had no Birrellisms handy. "John Wesley's Journal" had not taught him to be ready for such a catastrophe. The Sinn Feiners were delightful people; devoted to extending a knowledge of the Irish language; who could have expected that they would act like this? Yet futile as he was as a statesman, no one could help liking Augustine Birrell of the twinkling eyes. But as a politician he had deficiencies. He was a wit, a gentle ironist, and the House of Commons does not understand wit. He had a way of thinking aloud and thinking caustically even while supporting a bill for which he was nominally responsible. Occasionally he struck a deeper note, but he was the Thackeray of politics and Thackeray left no such impression as did that frank sentimentalist Charles Dickens.

Gentle Irony.

Mention of Mr. Birrell's gentle irony reminds me of an instance which Professor Brander Matthews credits to Robert Locker.

Between Ourselves

By Robt. MacWhirter.

Joe, he's quite a nice lad. What I like best about him is that he never tries to swank, and that especially when he's inveigled into telling ye about his boyhood experiences. Of course Joe, he's no that very young but still there's quite enough disparity in our ages to cause him to try and act small if he was inclined that way. But no he aye keeps natural and that's what I like best in him. I think I'll never forget the way in which he once told me of his first experience with an evening dress suit. Not that I'm going to tell you about it though. Every man jack has had to go through the same mill but the trouble wi' most of us is that we havena the courage to own up to it.

Some of our young chaps nowadays nearly aye give me a pain. If he's no got some pet education theory; some fanciful and totally groundless notion that a certain school, wi' a high-sounding name and a dozen or so dormitories that never existed except in the tortured imagination of his self-deluded brain; he prattles vapourishly about his "pater" and "my old tutor" in such a way that one would never imagine that he could stoop so low as to use the mattress as a trouser press or borrow wi' unfailing regularity from the petty cash. Ay, the change from "two on toast" at an A. B. C. to evening dinner and a boy to bowl at most of the time, works sad havoc wi' many a young promising career.

I aye think then there's some hope left for a man when he's no ashamed o' his antecedents or his upbringing. For one thing, generally speaking, they were circumstances over which he had no control and for the life o' me I never could understand what there was to be ashamed of.

Talking to Joe often takes me back to my boyhood days. I had a fairly hard time myself but I think wi' kids, human nature's just the same no matter what the environment. Our wee yin last night brought to mind just the very thing Joe and I were discussing at fifteen time a few hours before. Jamie it appears had been getting her smacks for no' taking her rice pudding—wi' no less than two eggs in it—and Janet, she was bearing and over

SHANGHAI NEWS.

Returned Students.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)
Shanghai Dec. 3.
A hundred Chinese students who recently arrived from France because the Chinese Government did not send funds, are nearly destitute here.

THE AUTO SHOW.

The Auto Show instead of closing to-day keeps open until Wednesday. There will be a Masquerade Ball to-night. The attendance records were broken last night when the shriners gave a minstrel show.

ACCOUNTANT STABBED.

A Strange Assault.

An unhappy experience befell an accountant of a Bank in Wing Lok Street yesterday evening. While returning home in his private chair, a man came alongside and stabbed him in the cheek with a dagger.

The assault took place on the incline between First and Second Streets. The victim cried out in his pain, and the assailant bolted, leaving the dagger in the wound.

When the police were called they assisted in taking the injured man to the Government Civil Hospital.

When Mr. Cobden Sanderson set up as a bookbinder Mr. Locker wrote to ask him whether he would undertake some binding for him. Mr. Cobden Sanderson replied that he would do so, but he added that he did not care to "undertake the binding of anything ephemeral." This, of course, was a sly dig at "London Lyrics." Mr. Locker mildly replied that the volume he had in mind was a first edition of Shakespeare's Sonnets "if Mr. Cobden Sanderson did not find that too ephemeral."

the head of it. The wee yin was going through the mill right enough and very nearly at the greening stage when I got home. I appears she could sit and stuff herself wi' the samah's rice, chopsticks and a', but when it came to a nice rice pudding—wi' two eggs, mark you—she turned up her nose, the limmer. I couldna keep from laughing and by so doing turned the storm in my direction. You know as well as I do that stolen food is aye sweeter than that which is set on our platter. Janet of course couldna see it but there's a heap o' truth in the statement for all that.

I mind fine when I was a boy at Linkumoddie, the old aunt that had the bringing of me up used to crait eternally on the same thing. Our village boasted of a wee grocer's shop—a Johnny A'bing—and many's the spud and red herring we stole from his door-step and roasted afterwards in the Timmer Logs. Ay, and more than that, we ate them too, the potatoes black, half-raw and covered wi' dirt and the herrings wi' the salt sticking on to them a quarter of an inch thick. Grand! And aye when we were bounded home to our beds and offered nice cold dumplings for our supper, did we appreciate it! We did not, and our nose very nearly took a permanent curve at the very idea. It was the same when we were sent berrying. We'd far sooner have filled our basket wi' the crab apples we had to steal than the fruit that was there for the picking.

Ay, true, stolen sweets are sweetest. And I'm not sure but a great measure we remain young all our days in the sense that that which we have no right to is that which we often covet most. I could give you lots and lots of instances but a little thought on your own part will maybe save my next few lines from the editorial bias pencil and the raised eyebrow.

It's the spirit of adventure, rather than badness, that's over often our undoing. All the same the solid cold pudding in life is the stuff we thrive best on and that which does us most good in the end. Aye, at times it's unromantic, but by the Holy Fly it's safe.

Think it out for yourself.

TITANIA CONCERT.

A Successful Event.

The Royal Naval Canton Theatre was packed last night on the occasion of a benefit concert in aid of the widow and children of the late Leading Stoker W. Norman whose death took place a few days ago. It was a very creditable programme that was arranged, beginning with an overture by the excellent band of H.M.S. Titania. The lengthy nature of the programme makes an extensive review in this limited space impossible, but without taking thought biased we should like to record the wonderful playing of Mr. C. T. Frayn on his one string fiddle. Another able contributor was Mr. B. Abrams, whose quips sustained the humorous part of the concert very well. The performances of the other artists were no less praiseworthy, and the whole concert was a great success, redounding much to the credit of the organizer, the Rev. Mr. Gordon Stott.

With the exception of a few alterations in the order of the turns and the elimination of one or two owing to the absence of the contributors, the programme was as is given under—

PART I.
Overture, Band of H.M.S. Titania. Song (Descriptive), "Moth Eaten Monty", G. W. Smith. Whistling, A. Montier. Comic, Shirts, L. Kenny. Baritone, C. Kane. Light Comedy, C. Massingale. Duo, "The Dukes of Trafalgar Square", I. Skinner. C. J. McAllister. Instrumental, "The One String Fiddle", C. F. Frayn. Song, "Delightful Evening", B. Abrams. Song, "Million Dollar Smile", J. B. Hendry. Serio Comic, "Don't Dilly Dally on the Way", T. Brown.

PART II.
Easy Baker in his Lifeboat. Song, "Because", W. Bray. Comic, "I Like Treacle Pudding", S. Lacey. Pennicard and His Troupe. Song, "Shipmates of Mine", J. Youngman. Duo, J. B. Hendry, G. W. Smith. Comic, "I mean to say", F. Douglas. Song, Selected, F. L. Merriman. Serio Comic, "The Darky's Romance", F. J. Draper.

TO-DAY'S MISCELLANY

The life of an author and journalist would seem to be conducive to longevity if one may judge not only from the example provided by Mr. Frederic Harrison, but by other well-known members of the literary fraternity, states a Home Journal. Mr. Harrison is 90 but he has other "youngsters" who run him close. Thomas Hardy, for instance, would not admit being old, although he is 81, and his record is equalled or surpassed by Whitehead and Edward Clodd. A little more tender in years but over the allotted span are Robert Bridges, 77, and G. R. Sims, 74.

Dr. Monro Gibson, the great Presbyterian leader who has just passed away, preached for many years from shorthand notes. Curiously, among his most attentive hearers at St. John's Wood Church was one of the leading Parliamentary reporters, who was specially drawn to Dr. Gibson by his interest in shorthand. In his congregation one saw a remarkably representative group of authors, artists, merchants, and politicians. Usually, too, one of the greatest singers of the day was an attendant and his voice lent an added charm to the fine congregational singing.

Doubtless the re-opening of the Merionethshire gold mines will result in further search for the precious metal in the gold-bearing district of Sutherlandshire, says the Daily Chronicle. Old folk tell many stories of the great gold rush of 1858. These North of Scotland goldfields were discovered by a man who had lived in Australia, and the grandfather of the present Duke of Sutherland granted licenses to work them. Some thousands of pounds worth of gold was found in three years. The diggers were chiefly crofters and fishermen attracted from the surrounding district, but among them were a few experienced gold miners, who prospected the area in the approved fashion. However, in the end the Duke received such a small sum for the licenses to dig, and the compensation to sheep farmers and shooting tenants was so heavy, that he abandoned the enterprise.

THE CHINESE POST OFFICE.

A Record Year of Progress.

The report of the Chinese Post Office for the year 1920 has now been issued. Expansion in practically every branch of the service is noted, and as will be seen from a perusal of the remarks made by M. H. Picard-De-telan, Co-Director-General of Posts, the extension constitutes a tribute to the efficiency of the service. The Post Office is in places faced with competition from private Chinese enterprise, but, as showing the trend of public favour throughout the interior the additional fact should be mentioned that in Shanghai the two remaining establishments closed down during the year because of lack of support.

A TOTAL OF MILLIONS.
In opening his report the Co-Director says:—While the past year has not been free from elements tending to embarrass postal operations, the natural expansion of the service due to the demands of the people in an over-widening field for safe, regular and quick means of communication, augmented by sustained development and extension, has resulted in record advances being achieved in practically every branch of postal enterprise.

The number of articles of mail matter posted during the year exceeds, by a slight margin, 400 millions. This figure represents an increase of 61 millions on the total for 1919, and is the greatest advance recorded in the annals of this 24-year old service. An increase of 59 millions was registered in 1913, but (owing to the change in calendars) the previous period was one of 10½ months only. The two next highest increases were 42 millions in 1918 and 37½ millions in 1919. It may also be noted that the 1920 advance is 9½ millions more than the grand total for 1907, and the 1920 grand total is over double that of 1914.

WEIGHT OF PARCELS DOUBLED SINCE 1917.

The expansion in the parcel traffic can be gauged more accurately by comparing the gross weight rather than the total number of parcels posted, as, at the beginning of the year, the weight limit of parcels to and from non-steam-served places was raised from 5 kilos to 10 kilos. The total weight of the 444 million parcels posted during the past year was 204½ million kilos. This figure exceeds the 1919 total by 6 millions—another record advance—and is double the 1917 total. So great are the prospects of further expansion in the parcel traffic that, given favourable conditions throughout the country for a full 12 months, it would be difficult to forecast what proportions the volume of parcel business would assume.

The increase in the amount of money orders issued is particularly striking, seeing that the unrest in certain parts of the country necessitated the restriction or entire suspension of the issue of interprovincial money-orders during a great part of the year. The total value of money orders issued during the period was 59 million dollars. This figure is an advance—again a record one—of 15 millions upon the 1919 total, 22½ millions upon the 1918 total, and 37 millions upon the 1917 total.

EXTENDED FACILITIES.

The number of additional places provided with postal facilities in the course of the year was 8,918. No such extension as this has been attempted in any previous period. The number of major establishments (offices and agencies) opened—107—has been exceeded on two or three occasions; the increase is nevertheless greater by over 300 than any increase recorded in the last five years. Of the 8,211 new minor establishments added to the list, 7,393 are rural stations, or travelling post offices. The total number of places in China now provided with postal facilities is 31,275, of which 10,469 are major establishments. As an illustration of the progress of the service in this direction it is interesting to note that in Shanghai alone the number of places postally provided at the close of 1920 was greater than the number in the whole of China at the end of 1910.

Judged by the increased amount of mail matter handed in by them to the Post Office for transmission, the min-chu or commercial letter-companies have also flourished during the past year. This is hitherto attributed to their freedom from censorship of local officials. These native letter-

companies continue to transact legitimate business over large areas in the country, carrying money, letters duly insured and quantities of parcels for which payment of li-kia is evaded. Many old-fashioned firms contract with them to handle all their mails for a lump sum per annum. The min-chu, however, are believed to make little more than a bare living out of their business and cannot for many years longer compete with the more modern methods of the Post Office. At one time they attempted to imitate these methods and organized day-and-night courier services on postal lines, but the services failed owing to lack of proper supervision and discipline.

DELIVERY OF TELEGRAMS.

To its various activities the postal service has added the acceptance and delivery of telegrams at places, not provided with telegraph offices, and telegrams can now be accepted at 1,320 and delivered at some 10,000 places which were formerly outside the sphere of the telegraph service.

The revenue during the year was \$12,679,121.98, the working expenses, including capital expenditure, was \$10,467,053.07, showing a surplus of \$2,212,068.81. At the end of December, 1920, the Chinese staff of the Post Office was 30,424 as against 28,298 a year previously.

WORK IN SHANGHAI.
Dealing with the Shanghai district the report says that in practically all branches of postal work appreciable advances over the previous year's figures are registered. The number of articles of mail matter posted at offices in the district was \$2,300,000. With this figure may be compared the 1919 total of \$1,700,000, the 1918 total of \$1,400,000, and the 1917 total of \$1,300,000. Ordinary articles increased by 298,000, and express articles by 132,000. The number of letters insured has declined steadily since 1917, in which year a total of 3,064 was recorded; during 1920 the number posted was 2,204 only.

Money orders issued in 1920 amounted to \$2,855,060, an increase of \$934,154 over 1919, while orders cashed came to \$4,054,652, an increase of \$1,035,095.

THE FUTURE PORT OF SHANGHAI.

Work of Commission Practically Concluded.

The work of the International Committee of Consulting Engineers who are reporting on the Shanghai Harbour development is practically at an end, for we understand that only a few minor points remain to be settled and that this will be done by the end of the month, says the N.C.D.N. The Commission assembled at the end of September, and has since been studying river conditions in the vicinity. The members have met twice a day all the time they have been here when they have not been engaged on trips of investigation up-stream.

No official information as to the recommendations is obtainable, and Capt. von Heidenstam, who is acting as chairman of the Commission, declines to make any statement on the matter. It is, however, reported that the advice of the Commission is that no change shall be made which would affect Shanghai as at present situated. Business is already established in Shanghai, and it is understood that the Commission has adopted the view that in its general aspects the port should remain as at present. There will, probably, be important recommendations as to the depth of water to be secured for the port in future and work on the approaches.

These recommendations will be learned with interest. It may be remembered that suggestions were current that Hangchow Bay or some other site should be selected as the proper venue, and there is reason to believe these have not recommended themselves to the Commission.

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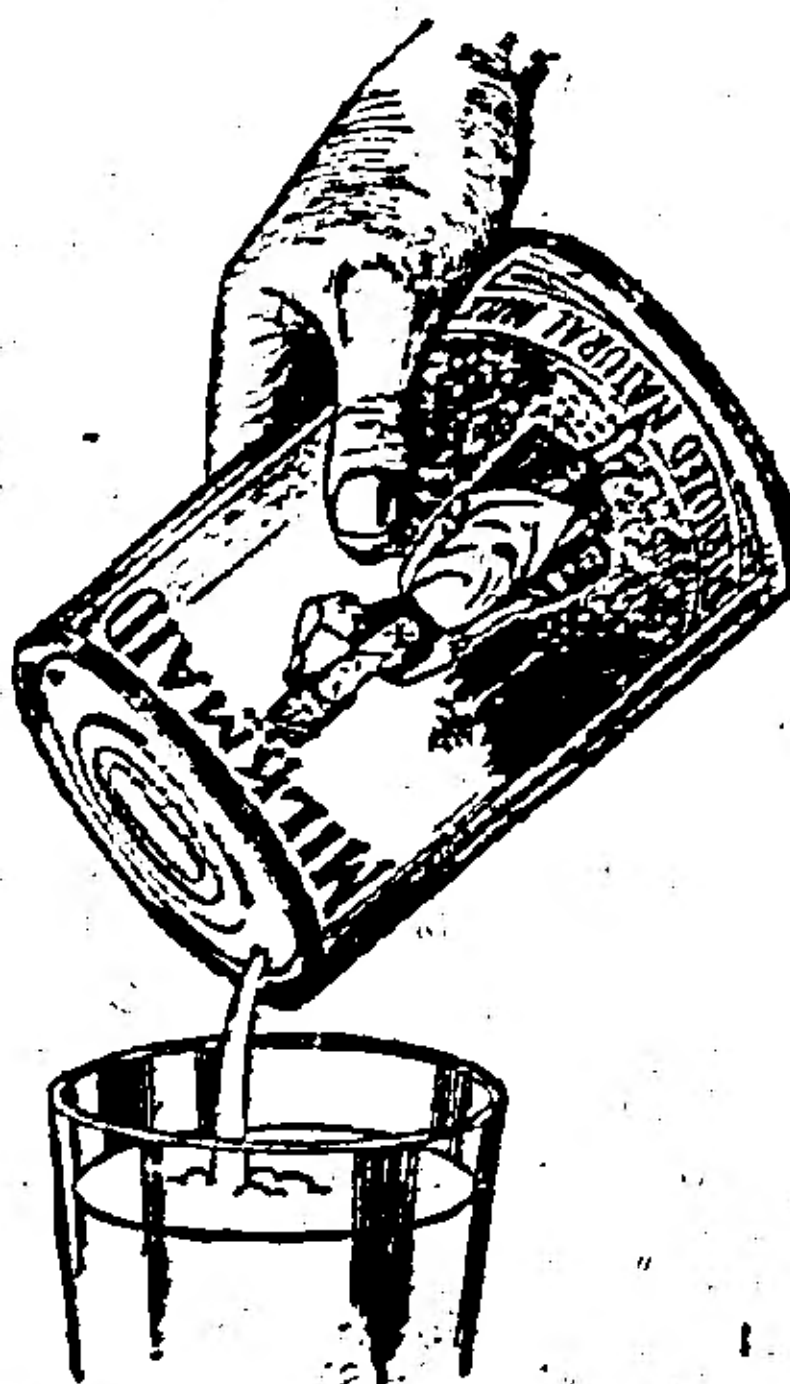
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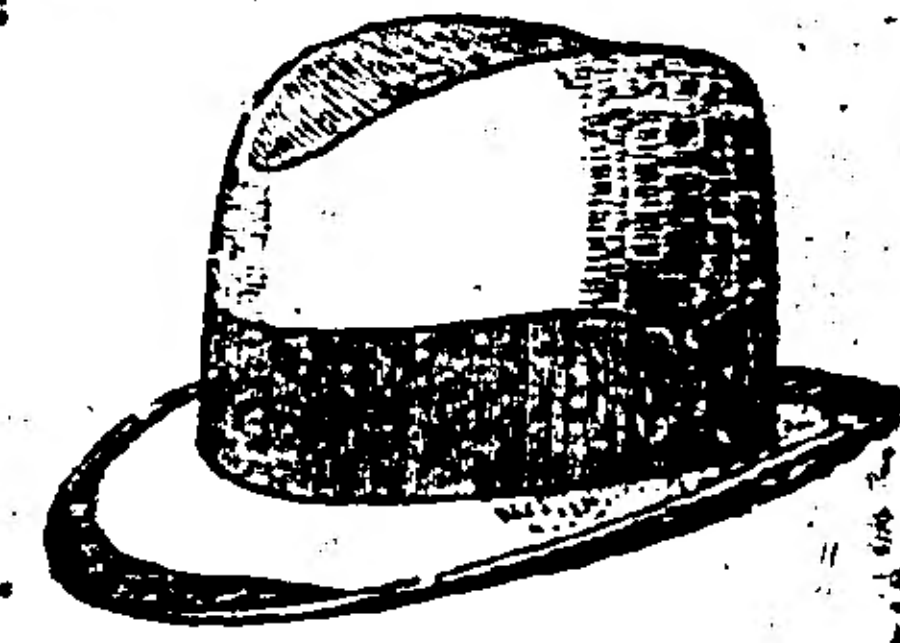


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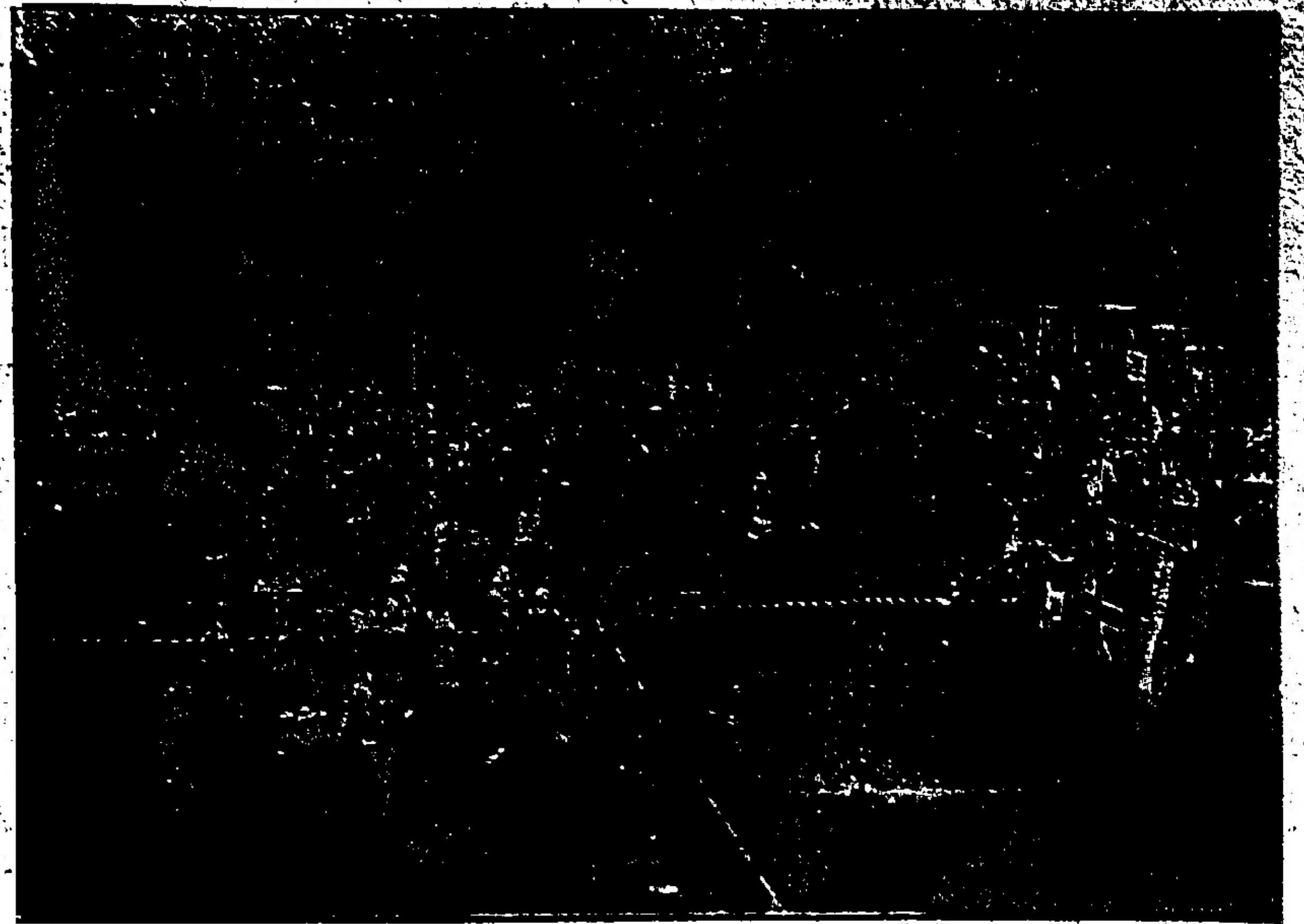


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The Kowloon Fair.

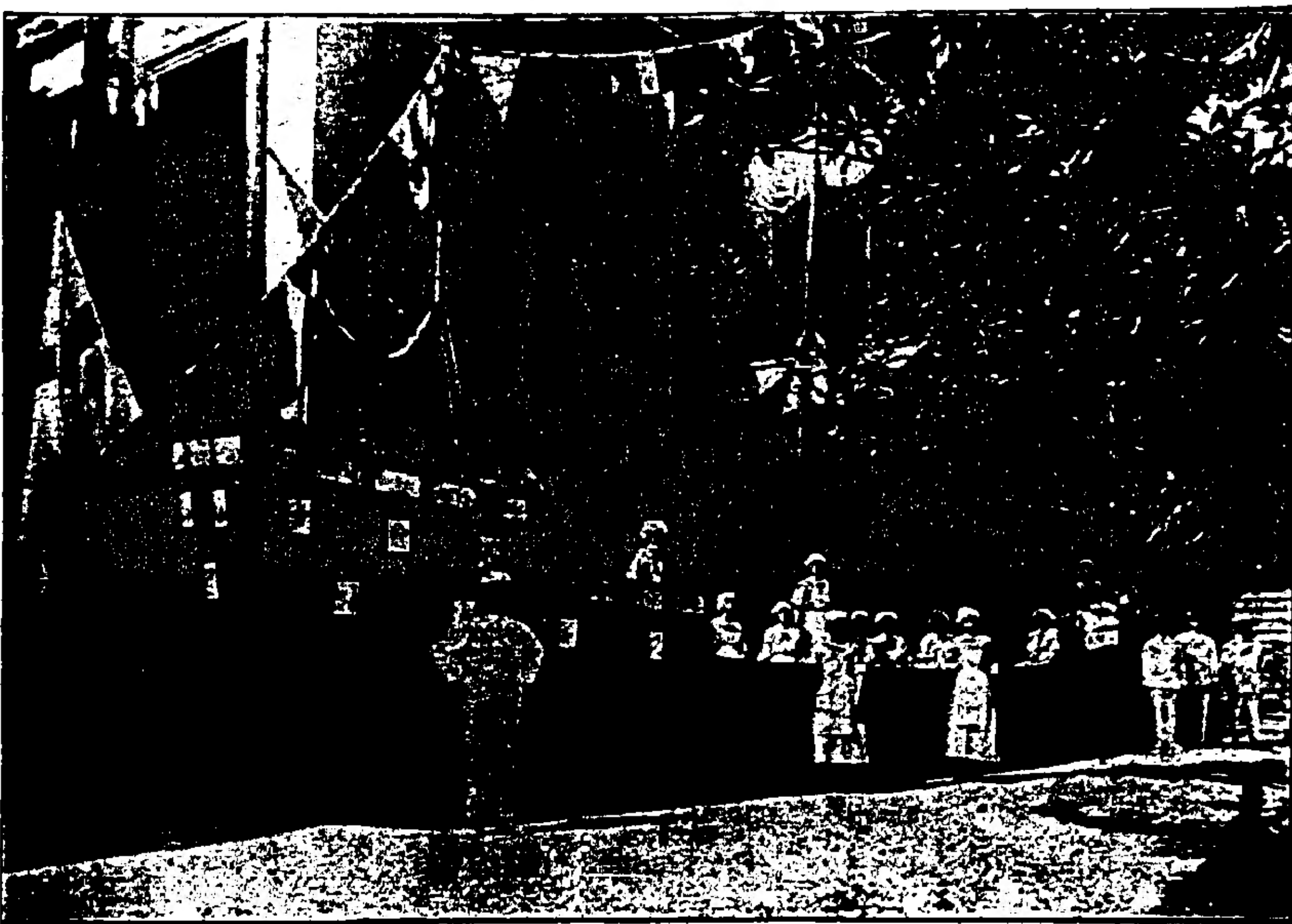


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The Naval Yard Stall at the recent M. C. L. Bazaar.



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The McKelvie-Dannison Wedding Group.



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Another general view of the Kowloon Fair.

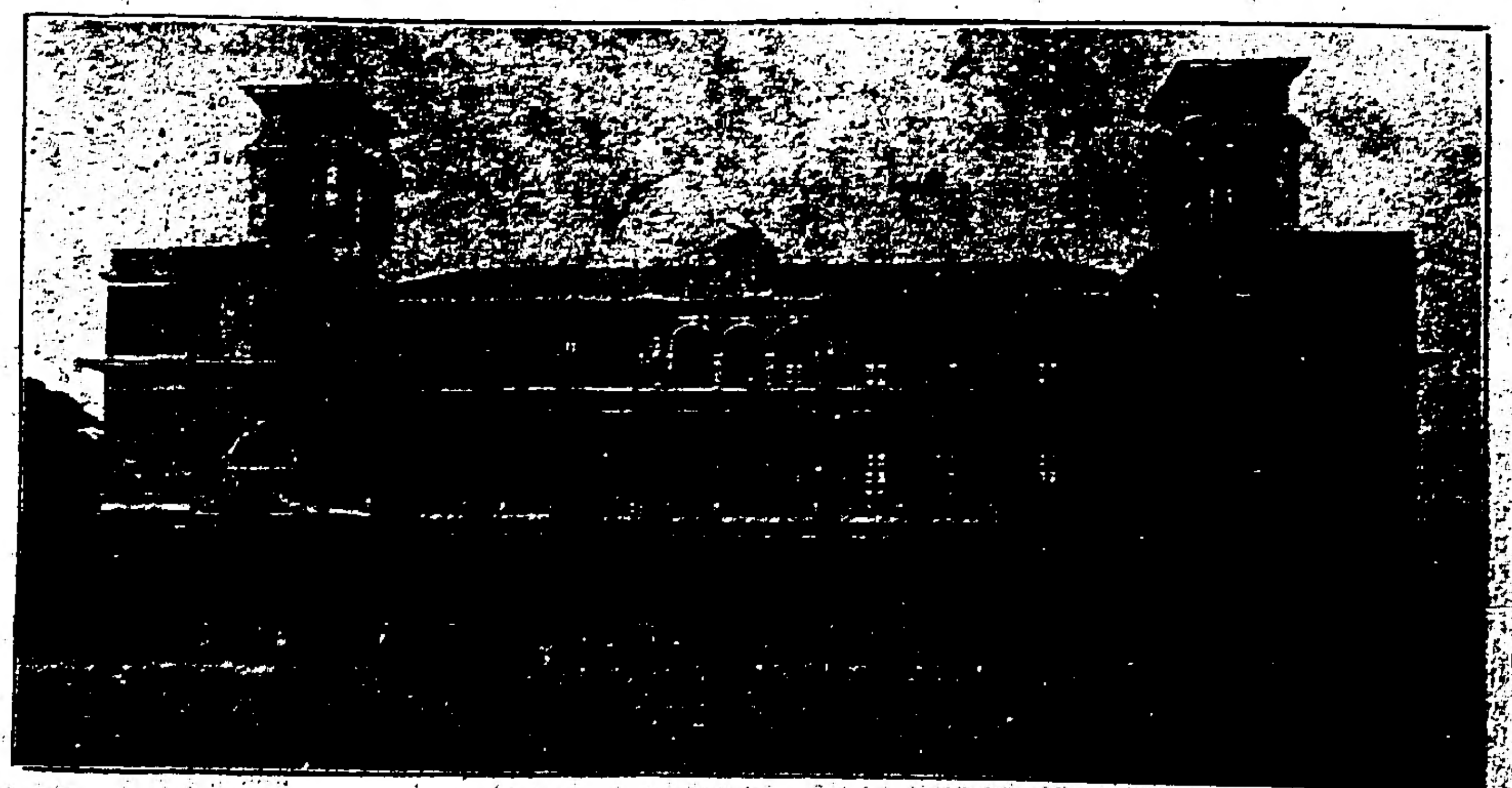


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St. Joseph's College and a Class doing "Jerks."

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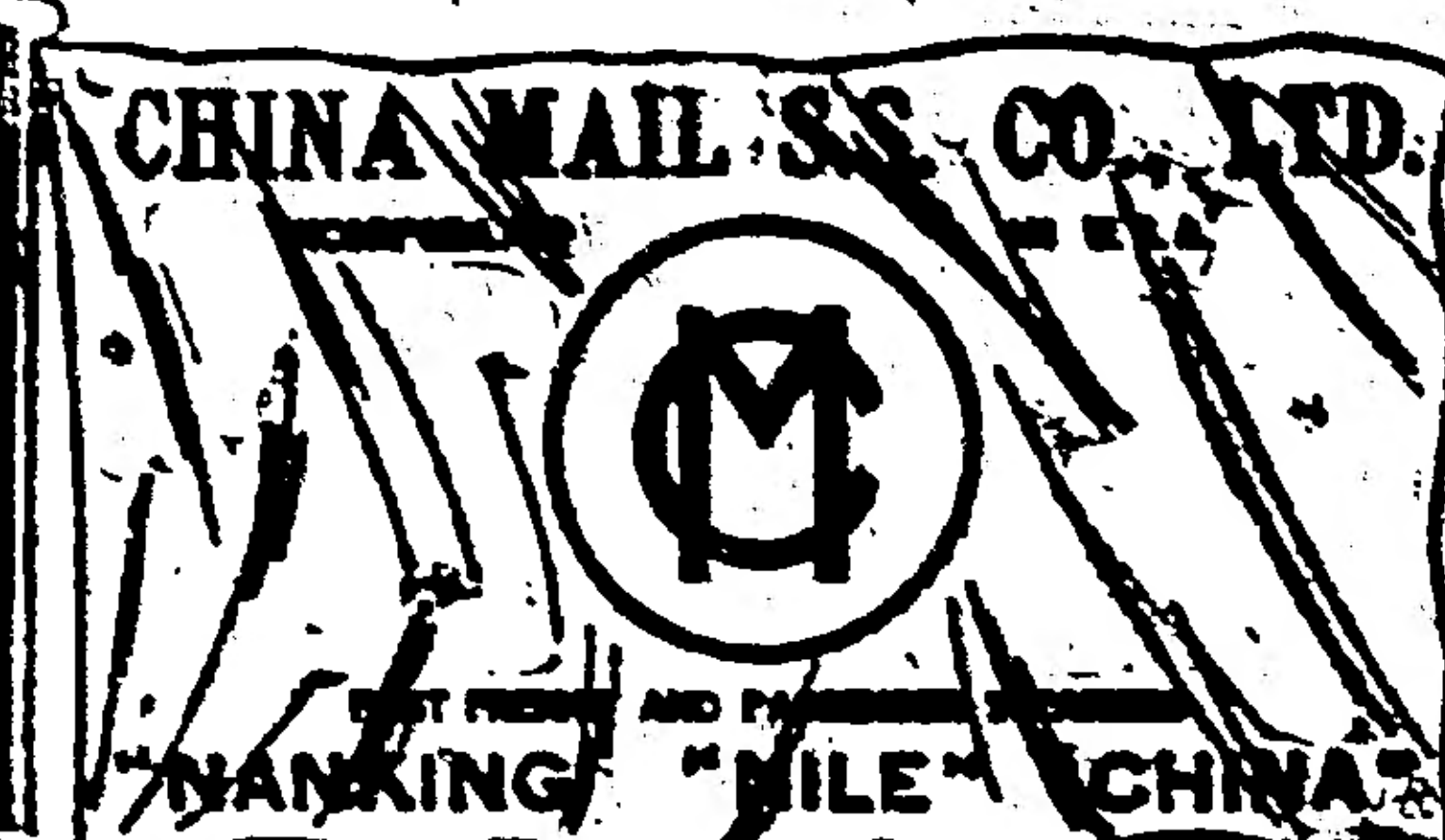
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EGYPTIAN FREIGHTAGE SETTLEMENT.

It is officially announced by the United States Shipping Board and the British lines concerned that the controversy over the freightage of Egyptian cotton being shipped to America has been equitably adjusted.

COMMERCIAL NEWS.

COTTON IN FUKIEN.
The Industrial Commissioner of Fukien has distributed American cottonseeds to all the districts under his administration for planting next year.
TEXTILE INDUSTRY IN KIANGSU.
Kiu An Cotton Mill, organized by Yen Chai-jen at Nantung and Soan (Kiangsu) with a capital of \$500,000, is expected to commence operations shortly. Spindles have already arrived from the United States.

KIANGSI MINT.
A sum of \$100,000 has been raised by Sum Cheng-ling from official and private sources for the establishment of a Mint to coin coppers for the province of Kiangsi. Machines have been ordered from a foreign firm in Hankow, and operations will commence shortly.—YIA SHIH FUNG.
SOOCHOW-KIANGSU-WUCHOW AUTOMOBILE SERVICE CO.
Mr. Chen Hui-yue has organized the Soochow-Kiangsu-Wuchow Long Distance Automobile Service Company, with a capital of \$3,000,000. Shares will be entrusted and issued by the Sino-Foreign Trust Company. The total distance is estimated to be 735 li.

NO STEEL COMPETITION.
A London journal just to hand states: "Owing to the repeated rise in the price of Welsh steel, ingots and sheet bars, which stand at £3 5s. a ton, little is now heard in South Wales of foreign iron and steel. Last week's imports of iron and steel into South Wales showed a tremendous drop, being nearly 7,000 tons less than in the preceding week. It was reported at Swansea Metal Exchange that there was practically no foreign steel competition."

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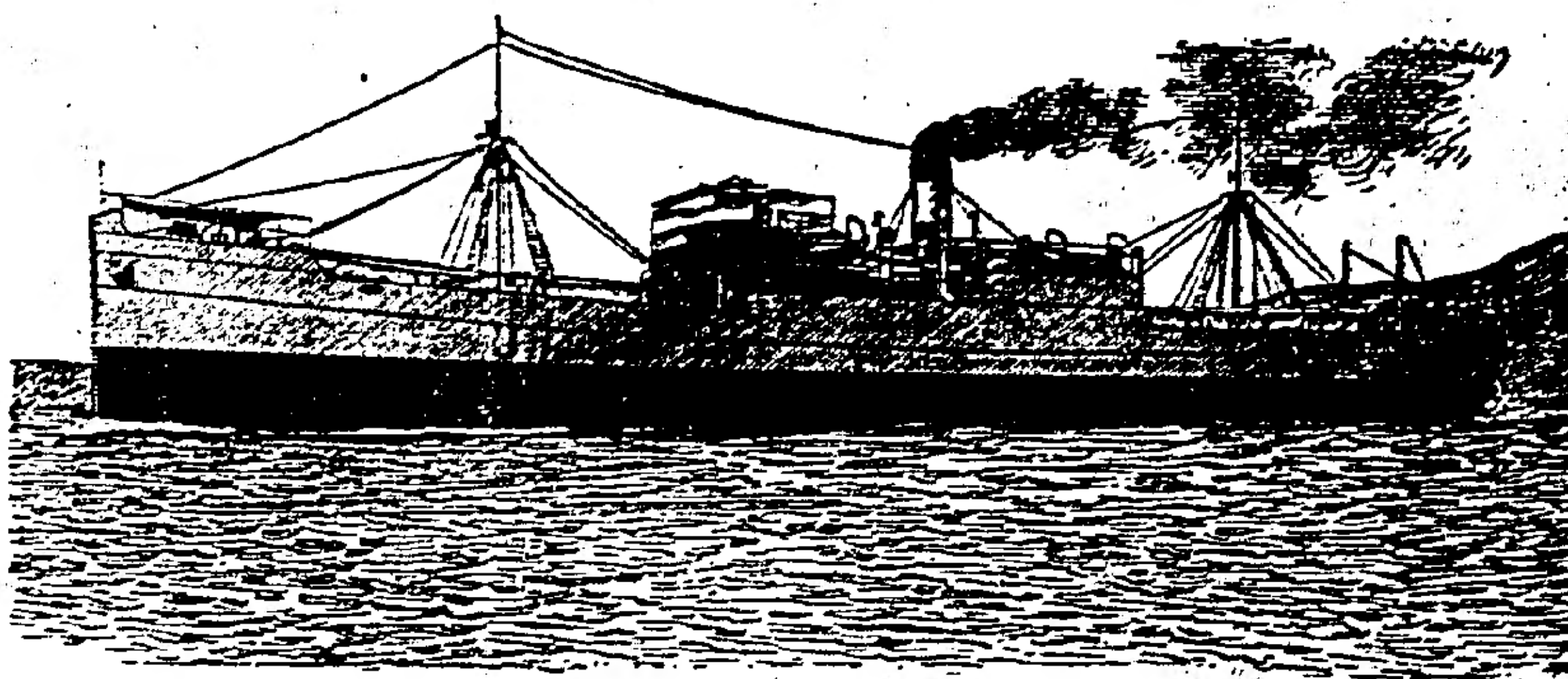
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St. John's Cathedral, Hongkong. 4th December, 1921, 2nd Sunday in Advent.—Holy Communion (7.50 a.m.), Children's Service (10 a.m.), Matins (11 a.m.). Responses, Feriale, Venite, No. 2; Psalms, 9 Oakley, 11 Stainer; Te Deum, Nos. 10, 8, 5; Benedictus, No. 12; Anthem, "Lift up your Heads," Coleridge Taylor; Hymn, 48; Sevenfold Amen. Holy Communion (12 noon), Evensong (6 p.m.). Responses, Feriale; Psalms, 50, 67; Magnificat, No. 7; Stainer; Nunc Dimittis, Barnby. Hymns, 270, 49, 477.

St. Peter's Church.—December 4, 2nd Sunday, in Advent. 8 a.m. Holy Communion; 11 a.m. Sung Eucharist; Introit 49, Gradual 50, Offertory 255, Communion 311 (Pt. 2), Post Communion 316; Preacher: Rev. H. du T. Pyner. 6 p.m. Evensong: 51, 27, 627, 463 (Pt. 1); 2 and 3; Preacher: The Chaplain. Subject: Death and Judgment.

Wesleyan Methodist Church, Queen's Road, (opposite the Royal Naval Hospital) Wanchai. —Sunday, 4th Dec., 1921. Divine Service and Church Parade, 10.15 a.m. Subject: Advent Address, "David, The King." Evening Service, 6 p.m. Subject: "The Red Wine of Life Outpoured." Holy Communion at close of the service. Sunday School at 3 p.m. in the Church. Wesleyan Sailors' and Soldiers' Home. Sunday at 8.15 p.m. Chaplain's Meeting and Social Hour. Wednesday at 8.15 p.m. Wesley Guild Social and Concert. Friday, 3 p.m. Ladies' Working Party and Tea. Saturday, 8.30 p.m. Popular Concert arranged by Q.M.S. Goddard. R.E. Church Parade for 1st Wanchai Girl Guides and Boy Scouts on Sunday at Wesleyan Church.

WEATHER REPORT.

December 2d, 10h. 45m.—Pressure has increased moderately from Weihaiwei to N. Formosa, and slightly at Hongkong. It is nearly stationary in the extreme South.

A strong anticyclone covers China and S.E. Mongolia.

Strong monsoon may be expected along the S.E. coast of China, and fresh monsoon over the N. China Sea.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 9.00 inches. Total since January 1st, 97.12 inches, against an average of 81.99 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON TO-MORROW.

District.	Forecast.
1 Hongkong to Gap	N.E. winds, fresh; fine to cloudy.
2 Formosa Channel	N.E. winds, strong.
3 South coast of China between H.K. & Lamcocks.	The same as No. 1.
4 South coast of China between H.K. & Hainan.	The same as No. 1.

T. F. CLAXTON, Director.

H.K. Observatory, Dec. 2, 1921.

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Place of Observation	Highest W. L. ever recorded Feet	Lowest W. L. recorded Feet	W. L. Aug. 30 1921 Feet	W. L. Aug. 31 1921 Feet
Wuchow, West River	+79.50	-2.42	29.00	29.40
Kongmoon, "	+14.70	-0.80	6.90	7.60
Linkonghow, North "	+57.00	0	8.50	
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Sheklung, East "	+15.15	-0.93	3.51	4.00

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Mon. 28	9 7	5 4	Mon. 29	9 15	5 12
Tues. 29	10 1	5 8	Tues. 30	10 11	5 18
Wed. 30	10 17	6 0	Wed. 31	10 23	6 4
Thur. 1	11 40	6 2	Thur. 2	11 46	6 10
Fri. 2	12 5	6 4	Fri. 3	12 11	6 18
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Sun. 4	13 7	6 8			

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